TIMES DAILY MAGAZINE PAGE FOR EVERYONE

Children and Grown-ups Love to Scare Themselves By Their Own Imaginings

Al. Human Beings Enjoy Torturing Themselves With Imaginary Fears Which Thrill Them

to the Core.

By WINIFRED BLACK.

ND so," read the Little Giri in a terrible voice, "And so the Black Witch turned the little boy into a toad, and he ar a toadstool in the wet garden aked and was very sad. And not even his poor mother—had hitst idea where he was, or why 't come home for tea."

It come home for tea." sat under a toadstool in the wet garden

What Do You Fear?

How much are we like the Little Boy

and the Little Girl-we grown-ups-I

Did you ever see a woman who had the love of a true and honest heart that she did not try to frighten herself every now and then by pretending to have lost it?

Did you ever know a man who made a great success in life, who didn't like to sit down and worry about what would happen to his family after he

would nappen to his ramily after he died?
What's your ghost—the one that walks in the silent chambers of your inmost heart?
And yet, if you did not choose to listen, you would not believe that there was such a thing as that particular ghost.

ghost.
Do you fear the black witch of pov-

nobody-not even his poor mother-had the slightest idea where he was, or why he didn't come home for tea." The Little Boy put his hands over

"Don't read any more," he cried in anguish: "don't, till I can ask you, does the good fairy find him and change him back again?" The Little Girl smiled,

and croaked and was very sad. And

but her eyes were very mysterious. "Not till the next chapter," she said, closed the book and would not read any more till the next

"I have a whole And later we had tea before the fire, and there were cookies with raisins in them, and it was very nice and comfy, And later we had tea before the fire.

Be worked to talk about the little boy in the book who was changed into a toad; he wondered whether he felt the cold under his toadstool, and he wished, he said, that he knew what he had to eat when he was a toad and how he liked it.

Bo you fear the black witch of poverty?

Why, you have never seen it at your window, and yet if you will but think of it enough, there it is, tapping on the pane and calling to you in a dreadful whisper.

Who's going to change you into a toad and make you sit out in the garden under a toadstool where not even your poor mother can find you?

An when the Little Boy was safely

What Little Boy Asked.

And then he wanted to know all about witches, and hobgoblins, and wizards, and gnomes, and broomsticks. But most of all, about ghosts.

He was greatly interested in ghosts. He hitched his chair close to mine when he asked about them and kept looking over his shoulder at the door, but, for

Develop Children's Talents But Do Not Force Progress Since the Days Their Careers Upon Them, Says Singer-Mother Of Old Job; Science Puts



Mme. Homer, prima donna, and Her Four Girls. Left to Right-

ON'T force distasteful careers upon your children,

is the advice of Mme.

Louise Homer, the fa-

mous prima donna. If any mother is tempted to pick and choose careers for her children it is the mother who has achieved fame herself. The old theory, however, that the son of a singer should be a singer, that the child of a writer should be a writer, and that the famous surgeon should train his child as a surgeon, is at last being reluctantly relinquished by the ma-jority of intelligent parents. Mine. Homer is a firm disciple of this sensible creed. "After a mother has thoroughly familiarized herself

with her children's ideas and ideals," says Mme. Homer, "she must solicitously look toward the development of their particular talents. She must be careful not to develop those talents as she would have them, but according to the child's conception of facts." facts."

In other words, Mme. Homer thinks that a woman must train her offspring to specialize in order to be effective and that efficiency is the watchword of modern progress. Also that the lines upon which the child's life is planned and worked out are the result of that which innately comes from the child, and not from the preconceived ideas of the mother. Fiction writers for many years have touched a sympathetic chord through the delineation of the life of the young man who would or

CATHERINE, MME. HOMER, HESTER, ANN AND LOUISE.

would not be what mother or papa wished.
The sad reason why this chord of sympathy was roused, was because the stories of the brand mentioned depicted actual events in the lives of many human beings. They had their human parallels to a marked

degree.
Since, however, the world has learned to try to save human life and prevent suffering, mothers especially are not quite so determined for their children before they are able to choose for themselves.

"Where's the mail and the morning

"Won't you eat your breakfast first.

A Close Shot.

It was during a golf game in Scotland.

papers?" I inquired, savagely.

looked very serious.

Mme. Homer's four girls are not worried about dodgling mother-chosen careers. They are eager and ready to be directed and to learn, but they'will undoubtedly choose and

Children inherit genius, some peculiar quality of concentration or some other talent which may be a direct physical result of having been born the child of the certain parent, but that they inherit the ability to direct their talents into the very same line as did one parent is a little unusual.

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To assume that the child should beforced into any one line, because of preconceived ideas on the part of the parent, is to determine to a certainty, just how many leaves will grow on a tree and in just what direction it will send out its branches, at the time of the planting of the seed. or the seed.

Certain things can be determined it is true, but the fact that every child is born an individual, entitles him to personal choice after training.

The Boil Out of Business

By DR. LEONARD KEENE HIRSHBERG. M. A., M. D. (Johns Hopkins.)

HEN a godly man becomes pestered with a boil on his neck he leans wondrously to discontent. His comfortable temper forsakes him, and he is put much out of countenance. Boils are the outcome of a combination of events. There is first to be considered the everpresent microbes and other atmospheric as well as fleshy bacteris. Next is a scratch, an abrasion or an opening into the bodily defense, through which the germs enter into the less resistant fabrics. Finally the serum lymph and

serum, lymph, and corpuscles must either be defective, weak, or saturated with noxious agencies. before the boil or "furuncle" mi crobes can gain a foothold. True enough

ous other contributory factors which give and comfort as well as abet and other dainties are "attracted" by the enemy in its onslaught upon the the bacteris, which instigate these inhealth. But the three essential causes liquitous set are within the tissues, an unseen happiness, abrasion and the germs themselves. (Copyright Two of the three are necessary, but in different degrees, before boils begin to make the skin their abiding place.

New Sulphur Forms. The treatment of bails ebbs and flows like the river Jordan. It was once maintained that a "spring tonic" should always be given, even though the boils appeared in the ley dead of midwinter.

Then came the period of bacteriological enthronement, fifteen years or so ago. At that time internal "purifiers" were, tike other physic, cast to the dogs, and the lance and scalpel knife was insisted upon to displace the dirty, sogsy, flaxseed poultice.

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are somewhat irritating to the nostrils and respiratory canal, it is desirable to hold the breath and the nose as the draught is swallowed. Although there can be little doubt but what sulphurous can be little doubt but what sulphurous acid thus taken greatly contributes to the defeat of boils and pimples, other measures, such as local applications of white precipitate ointment or some other salve with antiseptic properties must not be omitted. Tincture of lodine and drainage of the boil are often helpful. Furthermore, all sugar, sweet, starchy and het food must be taken. and hot food must be taboo. There is no question but that pastries, candles iquitous scourges of beauty, health, and (Copyright by Newspaper Feature Service.

Answers to Health **Ouestions**

A. N.-Q. Kindly give me some core for the smoking habit.

A. I have cured several men of the tobacco habit by directing the victim to chew three or four tablets of trur-

Food Query Department Prof. LEWIS B. ALLYN

of Westfield, Mass. "The Pure Food Town"

or through this column.

OYSTERS.

From your knowledge of the oyster is it safe for those living at a distance from the source of supply to eat them?

MRS. N. R.

If you refer to the shell oysters which if you refer to the shell oysters which aronerly packed, we see no

MRS. N. R.

If you refer to the shell oysters which are shipped properly packed, we see no reason why they are not as healthful in inland towns as in those near the coast. If you refer to shelled oysters it is not a difficult matter to ship them long distances when properly iced. With the modern means of transportation and packing a few hundred miles makes little difference in the healthfulness of any food products. A bad oyster is a menace to health whether in Boston or Butts, Mont.

It is perfectly obvious that if you add gelatine or any other thickener, such as starch or dextrose, the resulting mixture will not be pure currant jelly. If you propose to label and sell the same it should be labeled "thickened with gelatine." etc., in plain type. We agree with you that gelatine is not an injurious substance, understanding, of course, that gelatine of a good quality be employed.

EGG BAVERS.

Enclosed you will find packages of an egg replacer. I would like very much to know whether there is anything

Revisiting

The backward path to boyhood days
Is never very hard to find;
You trod it quickly when your gaze
Surveyed old scenes of boyhood land;
While strangers passed and never The growing turmoil in your breast.

might, The while you tore your stocking knees,
Has shrunk to such a puny height
You mount upon its crest with ease,
The tree that was too thick to "shin"
By some odd means has gotten thin.

That wall you climbed with all your

This vast expanse you scanned with Then crossed with frightened, hurrying feet, Lest traffic overtake you there, Is now a quiet village street. Each doorway wide and gate-post high

Seem smaller to your startled eye. Old friends that pass look up to smile.
Who used to greet you smiling down
A magic spell, in this brief while.
Has somehow fallen on the town.

Yet strange! You seem to be again As small a boy as you were then.

That backward path to boyhood days
Is never closed to them that see;
It winds by old familiar ways
And leads you to a mother's knee,
Where boyhood's gentle king and queen
Dispel the years that intervene.

But if that path you cannot find Since they two laid their scepters down, Yet other paths there are that wind Through valleys to the Mother Town Where many dear remembered things Call childhood back on certain wings. —Burgess Johnson, in Harper's

Address your questions to Food Editor and you will receive a reply by mail

GRAPE FRUIT VS. ORANGES. What food value has the grape fruit?

Is it better than the oranget

as used in some food products is harmfulf I am told that it is used as a sub- place of passage through from the inhos-

Vocational Education In the Schools,

Vocational education in the Wash-

ington public schools is going to be

allowed to make a plea for itself. At

least the ardent supporters of voca-

tional education are gathering their forces together preparatory to lay-

ing the matter before the public

It behooves every parent in the city who has children in the grade

city who has children in the grade schools or who has children who will eventually attend the grade schools, to look carefully into this matter, and send their approval of vocational education to the school authorities. If the majority of parents find that they do not want vocational education, that process of training which is even now being taken up all over the United States, they should state their views, and do all that is possible to bring about a sentiment which will deal fairly with the child himself.

The results of the proposed voca-

and the school authorities.

Three Minute

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miles long, and the single nurpose

Will you kindly inform me if casein is used in some food products is harmulf I am told that it is a some food products is harmstitute for eggs along with other ingredients.

H. C. C.

Strictly speaking casein cannot be regarded as a substitute for eggs. It is, however, if pure, a product of high food value as it is practically wholly absorbed in the digestive process.

SERIAL NUMBER.

Will you please tell me where to get the product of passage through from the inhospitable regions to the fertile farms.

The most amazing precautions are taken by the "Golden State" to maintain the effectiveness of its barrier. Range riders guard it for its entire length, and keep it in a perfect state of repair. Ingenious traps are installed at every railroad crossing, and wherever a road passes through, rabbit-proof gates are built into the fence. A heavy fine is

SERIAL NUMBER.

Will you please tell me where to get the necessary permit or serial number to make and sell flavoring extracts?

In reply to your query beg to advise that it is not necessary nor now even possible to secure a serial number for the selling of flavoring extracts. The serial number referred to was misleading, was taken unfair advantage of by some manufacturers, and was misinterpreted by thousands of consumers. It becomes inoperative during 1916.

Figure passes that in to the fence. A heavy fine is the penalty for any one who leaves a gate open.

Sometimes a "willy-willy," or cyclone, levels whole sections of the fence, and then it must be rebuilt with all possible speed. Often this occurs in the desert ountry through which a part of the fence runs, and then the posts and wire must be carted on camels from where the railroad ends. The expense of "That's maintenpare is large, but the saving to the fertile farms repays the outlay many times in bountiful crops.

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tional training can be said to be far more comprehensive than merely effecting the child himself, for as the

child is trained, so does the citizen grow, and the efficiency which is implanted into the mind of the child

is merely another way of guarantee-ing efficiency for the second genera-

tion.

The second generation will, in course of time, be the ruling generation, and unless it is far better fitted to the course with setual life.

to work and cope with actual life than the present ruling generation, the same unemployment problem present now will again arise, more threatening, more dangerous, and more unjust to the individual than ever before.

ever before.

Children who have before them any possibility of a life which demands that they earn their own living outside of the professions, who cannot and will not be sent on to col-

lege, are due, by the state, an education watch will best fit them for the work of the business, political, and industrial life of such state.

DAILY EDITORIAL

For Women Readers

Matrimony ROM Condon to Hopetown, clear across the continent of Australia, runs a fence of words. By LEONA DALRYMPLE. be bothered waiting on your husband? It's unthinkable, and a stupendous hard-"For heaven's sake, Peter." walled my

Peter's Adventures in

BUT I did not feel better in the morning. I was positively ill from sunburn, and Is not a difficult matter to ship them long distances when properly iced. With the modern means of transportation and packing a few hundred miles makes little difference in the healthfulness of any food products. A bad oyster is a menace to health whether in Boston or Butte, Mont.

GELATINE JELLY.

I had a quantity of currant juice which, owing to the rispense of the fruit when pressed, would not make a stiff felly. Could I add gelatine to this and sell it a pure felly The gelatine, of owing, to the rispense of the fruits.

MRS. B. M.

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It is perfectly obvious that if you add gelatine or any other thickener, such as starch or dextrose, the resulting mixture will not be pure currant islust.

MRS. B. M.

CASEIN.

Is the better than the orange?

MRS. H. B. C.

Strictly speaking neither of the fruits in the have-making rability and intentioned has a high nutritive value. They are nevertheless extremely immentioned has a high nutritive value. They are nevertheless extremely immentioned has a high nutritive value. They are nevertheless extremely immentioned has a high nutritive value. They are nevertheless extremely immentioned has a high nutritive value. They are nevertheless extremely immentioned has a high nutritive value. They are nevertheless extremely immentioned has a high nutritive value. They are nevertheless extremely immentioned has a high nutritive value. They are nevertheless extremely immentioned has a high nutritive value. They are nevertheless extremely immentioned has a high nutritive value. They are nevertheless extremely immentioned has a high nutritive value. They are nevertheless extremely immentioned has a high nutritive value. They are nevertheless extremely immentioned has a high nutritive value. They are nevertheless extremely immentioned has a high nutritive value. They are nevertheless extremely immentioned has a high nutritive value. They are nevertheless extremely into the eastern part of the havoc-making rability from them, thanks to this several time have ensured morning. I was positively ill ship!

as I can and still keep on living."
"Great guns!" came Jaynes' amused
voice, "you are in a bad way. Just
sunburn?"

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"Just sunburn?" I reiterated resentfully. "Man, do you realize that I am
bandaged I'ke a dying gladiator? That
I can't move—that I'm actually iil?"

"How's your wife?" demanded Jaynes.
It annoyed me all at once that I'd
forgotten to ask her. Indeed, Mary had
been so blusy setting me in shape that een so busy getting me in shape that hadn't had time.

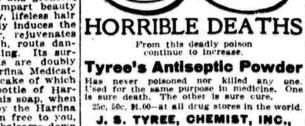
Sunburn and Temper.

"Mary," I said, firmly, "feels very well, very well, indeed, thank you.' I rang off to find Mary beside the bed. "Oh, Peter." she said, "I don't at all. I fell terribly. I can hardly stand it when my waist touches my throat and "But you're up and around." I hinted.
"That's surely something."
"I'm up and around." said Mary, "as you call it, simply because somebody has to fuss over you with bandages and—"
"It is quite possible." I said, evenly.
"It is quite possible." I said, evenly.
"for me to find a trained nurse who will do this for me. Money, of course, is no object, dear no! And why should you

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

Advice To Girls

By ANNIE LAURIE.

Dear Annie Laurie: When leaving a gentleman in the evening is it proper to thank him for the good time he has shown you?

BROWN EYES. How did he "show" you a good time? With an opera glass, or did you look through a peek hole somewhere?

He gave you a good time, he didn't

have difficulty."

Mary smiled.

"You're queer, Peter. You thought he was a wonderfully nice chap until we little was not call or otherwise show his interest in you, try to forget him.

went on the boating trip, and since then, simply because you don't happen to feel so very well, you take it all out on him and me." HOW TO GET RID OF DYSPEPSIA Peter?" "Don't want any breakfast! If the "Don't want any breakfast! If the coffee isn't too hot I might take some." I thought I saw Mary smile, but when I glanced at her a little sharply she I glanced at her a little sharply she

Go on Freak Diet; Common Sense and an Antacid Usually All That Are Needed.

"If you have dyspensia, indigestion, sour stomach, belching, distress after eating, heartburn or any other stomach cauing, heartburn or any other stomach trouble due to hyperacidity (the usual cause of stomach troubles), you should take no medicine to act upon the stomach itself. That is positively not the way to cure the trouble. Again, you should not half starve yourself by going without the nutritious food that you need to rebuild waste tissues. Some foods are not good for people even when in perfect health—very rich, sweet, highly seasoned dishes. Avoid these, but eat fairly substantial meals of plain foods. Eat slowly. Even if you drink nothing but water, you should not drink with meals. Drink before and after eating. Do not take pepsin or other artificial digestants. If you follow the foregoing simple instructions it is probable that you will not need any medicine at all except, if you want to call it medicine, a little antacid after meals. The best antacid is ordinary bisurated magnesis, which can be purchased of the story drive story. meals. The best antacid is ordinary bisurated magnesia, which can be purchased at any drug store. This is not to act upon the stomach but on the contents of the stomach. The antacid, as you can learn by consulting your dictionary or encyclopedia, is merely to neutralize or counteract the excess acid the stomach can digest the food your so the stomach can digest the food nor-mally. Take a teaspoonful of bisurated magnesia in a little cold or hot water after each meal. You should get imme-diate relief, even if your case is se-vere. Careful, moderate eating and the use of bisurated magnesia should put A Single Trial Proves It.

Solution of the state of developing stomach in normal condition in a short time; if you have not allowed dyspepsia to advance to the extreme stage of developing stomach ulcers.—

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flaxseed poultice. In all of these fashionable periods, suiphur as a remedy never lost its hold upon the thoughtful. Indeed, today it more than holds its own with the newest of discovered Galenicals. Dr. P. G. Skillern of the University of Pennsylvania recently laid proper stress upon this very truth. Nay, even for the ubiquitous and lowly pimple—really the great American malady—sulphur, either combined with lime, as in the calcium sulphide pill, or as a powder or acid, has been highly appreciated. Sulphur in the guise of sulphuric acid or sulphurous acid can be taken as an internal medicament only under the eye of a medical man; as either acid, unless weakened and hence well diluted with a syrup or some other harmless fluid, may seriously injure the limings of the digestive machinery. Dr. Skillern has had much recent experience with sulphurous acid in these conditions. Some thirty or more victims

MAMMA, DADDY AND THE CHILDREN CAN ALL TÀKE "CALIFORNIA SYRUP OF FIGS"

Harmless "fruit laxative" without griping. Please don't think of cleanses stomach, liver

"California Syrup of Figs" as a physic. Don't think you are drugging yourself I smiled foolishly.

"Don't mind me, Mary," I said, faintly which is a but aunburned, too."

I certainly thought your temper must be," ventured Mary, "and, Peter, I sure be, "and belicous cure for constipation, billiousness, sick headache, sour stomach, liver and tonic ever devised.

A New Viewpoint.

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"No. It's that fool, Jaynes. When-ever he phones or butts in we seem to have difficulty."

Mary smiled.

Lilly Dale—You know if the young man did not care for you, it would be always to a delicious cure for constipation, billiousness, sick headache, sour stomach, liver and tonic own stoma or your children, because this delictous



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